**Survey on Rural Electrification**

151. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey on the number of villages in each state not yet provided with electricity;

(b) if so, the state-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to provide electricity to those villages; and

(d) the details of the target fixed by REC for the purpose?

THE MINISITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) As per available information, as on 31st March, 1996 80,021 villages remain to be electrified in the country. State-wise details is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Rural Electrification is a continuous programme. Physical and financial targets for the programme are fixed annually by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Government/State Electricity Boards for the State as a whole after taking into account the availability of funds and other inputs. A part of the funds to the State Governments are routed though Rural Electrification Corporation (REC). REC also closely monitors the programme under their financing. In 1995-96 REC was targetted to electrify 3562 villages which it was able to achieve.

**Statement**

*Villages yet to be provided electricity as on March, 1996 (as per 1981 census)*

| S. No. | States | Villages yet to be electrified (Provisional) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | @ |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 987 |
| 3. | Assam | 108 |
| 4. | Bihar | 19741 |
| 5. | Delhi | @ |
| 6. | Goa | @ |
| 7. | Gujarat | @ |
| 8. | Haryana | @ |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | @ |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 203 |
| 11. | Karnataka | @ |
| 12. | Kerala | @ |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 3611 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | @ |
| 15. | Manipur | 19 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 2495 |
| 17. | Mizoram | —6* |
| 18. | Nagaland | @ |
| 19. | Orissa | 12682 |
| 20. | Punjab | @ |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 4348 |
| 22. | Sikkim | @ |
| 23. | Tamil Nau | @ |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 25927 |
| 25. | Tripura+ | 1087 |
| 26. | West Bengal | 8819 |
| | Total | 80021 |
| | UTs | @ |
| | Grand Total | 80021 |

(@) 100% electrified States, balance villages not feasible for electrification.

(+) As per 1971 census, there are 1087 villages yet to be electrified.

(*) Data under reconciliation.

**Private investment in Electric Transmission and Distribution**

152. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any guidelins for private investment in electricity transmission and distribution network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and